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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5005

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SF, MARR

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL DEFENSE UNITS FORMING

1. JOHANNESBURG AIRGRAM MARCH 3 (NOTAL) FORWARDED COPY OF NOTICE CIRCULATING IN THAT AREA FROM "CIVIL EMERGENCY UNIT" URGING THAT ORGANIZATION BE FLESHED OUT TO "PREPARE FOR ANY EMERGENCY IN OUR CITIES, TOWNS OR ON THE PLATTELAND".

2. SABC LOCAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BROADCAST IN CAPE TOWN MORNING MARCH 11 INCLUDED NOTICES THAT CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS IN KIMBERLEY AND BLOEMFONTEIN WOULD BE HOLDING MEETINGS AND DISTRIBUTION OF NOTICES TO PUBLIC OVER THE WEEKEND.

DECLARED PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS PREPARATION FOR ANY POSSIBLE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WHICH MIGHT CAUSE A DISRUPTION OF NORMAL PATTERNS OF ACTIVITY. VOLUNTEERS FOR LOCAL DISTRICT WARDEN

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DUTIES WOULD BE SOUGHT, AND PLANS LAID TO INSURE THAT VITAL

PUBLIC SERVICES AND PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES COULD  
CONTINUE FUNCTIONING IF ANY CRISIS SHOULD ARISE. NO EVIDENCE  
YET SEEN THAT SIMILAR MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN IN THE WESTERN  
CAPE, NOR THAT SAG HAS ISSUED CALL FOR SUCH ACTIONS.

3. COMMENT: NOTHING LIKE THIS AROSE DURING ANGOLA CRISIS,  
BUT DEVELOPMENTS ALONG RHODESIA-MOZAMBIQUE BORDER APPEAR  
TO HAVE LED TO A SENSE OF CONCERN AMONG MANY SOUTH AFRICANS.  
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